

News from the Wyoming Department of Health

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Cancer Survivors to Be Honored with Capitol Celebration

The Wyoming Department of Health is inviting interested residents to participate in the 5th Annual Celebration of Hope on Thursday, February 11 in Cheyenne at the Wyoming State Capitol.

Cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, healthcare providers and others involved with cancer-related efforts in Wyoming will gather to celebrate hope, progress and Wyoming cancer survivors.

Held as the Wyoming Legislature is in session, this year's celebration will focus on cancer survivorship. Planned events include a bell-ringing ceremony to remember those lost to cancer and to celebrate the state's cancer survivors, a news conference and educational displays in the nearby Herschler Building gallery.

"The term 'cancer survivor' has many definitions. A cancer survivor is mostly thought of as a person who has been diagnosed with cancer and who has overcome the disease," says Jessica Perez, Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Program outreach specialist with the Wyoming Department of Health. "But, really, anyone who has been personally touched during their life by cancer is a cancer survivor."

The celebration's activities are sponsored by the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, in conjunction with the Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Consortium and the Wyoming Primary Care Association.

The American Cancer Society will also be holding their annual Daffodil Days display concurrently to raise funds for cancer education, research and treatment.

For more information about the celebration, contact Perez at 307-777-7362.

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